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Title: Need to approve the revised estimate for construction of border road linking Kutch and Banaskantha districts of Gujarat**.**

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Sir, I would like to invite the attention of the Home Ministry to one very important issue of my district. It is regarding the Gadhuli-Santaipur road. The State Government of Gujarat had made a proposal for construction of Gadhuli-Santaipur road since very long. This road is very important from the defence point of view also. That is not being considered by the Government.

So, my demand before the Home Ministry is that this road should be constructed as early as possible. On this road there is one very important heritage site, Dholavira. It is very important from the international and domestic tourism point of view. If this road is constructed, then the distance between Bhuj and Dholavira will be shortened by more than 200 kms. If one has to go to Dholavira, then he has to go via Rapar. It is more than 250 kms. If he goes from there, then the distance will be only 80 kms.

So, I urge upon the Government to see that the construction of this road is completed as early as possible. Otherwise, the escalation of the cost will go up. Comparing to previous estimates, now the estimates have gone up. So, I demand that this road should be constructed as early as possible.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): I associate with what Shri P. S. Gadhavi mentioned just now.

सभापति महोदय : श्री के. फ्रांसिस जार्ज, आपका मामला सदन में पहले ही उठ चुका है और लीडर ऑफ दि हाउस और पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर रिप्लाई दे चुके हैं।